SELF-DIRECTING BUS AMPLIFIER AND METHOD

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ABSTRACT:

A self-directing bus amplifier and method is disclosed, which includes an input biased at a given voltage level and a tri-state amplifier with a first input terminal coupled to the biased input and an output coupled to an output bus. A field effect transistor with a gate terminal coupled to the biased input and a source terminal coupled to ground potential with a drain terminal coupled to an inhibiting input of the tri-state amplifier. The drain terminal of the field effect transistor is biased, such that when a signal is present on the input the field effect transistor turns OFF, which enables the tri-state amplifier so that the signal is passed through to the output bus.